

February 2, 2017

The Commission Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles, WC Docket No. 10-90

Aloha FCC Commissioners:

I am currently the Director of Construction for Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC). I am also a native Hawaiian on the wait list for a homestead lot on Hawaiian Home Lands. I have worked for SIC for more than 20 years and during this period SIC has placed distribution and network infrastructure and telephone equipment to more than 40 Hawaiian Home Land communities located on 5 different islands. All of our construction planning and scheduling was driven by Hawaiian Home Lands' forecast for service requirements. SIC's mission has always been to help Hawaiian Home Lands and native Hawaiians seeking homestead leases. In 1920 the Congress of the United States established the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to enable native Hawaiians to return to their lands in order to fully support self-sufficiency and self-determination in the administration of the Act, and the preservation of the values, traditions, and culture of native Hawaiians. From 1920 to the present day there have been less than 9000 residential leases awarded and almost 24,000 applicants still on the wait list. There are also 21,000 more applicants on the wait list for agricultural or pastoral leases. The major stumbling block that has prevented more leases to be awarded is the lack of funding to install infrastructure. The current situation with Hawaiian Home Lands is bleak with no new residential projects in the foreseeable future due to lack of funding to engineer, permit and construct new infrastructure. SIC's loss of the Study Area Waiver and not being designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier by the Hawaii Public Utility Commission will be a direct contradiction to the mandates of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. Hawaiian Home Lands is in need of financial support, so I ask as a native Hawaiian that the FCC Commission approve SIC's Study Area Waiver and designate SIC as an Eligible Communications Carrier.

Sincerely,



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